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SUMMARY: PER REFTEL, SCIATT TOLD GOF OFFICIALS THAT USG IS WILLING TO DISCUSS COOPERATION IN GASEUS DIFFUSION, PROVIDED GOVERNMENTS ARE INVOLVED. GOF ACTION MUST AWAIT DECISION BY APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES, PROBABLY AT LEVEL OF PRIME MINISTER. THE ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING WAS EXCELLENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, SCIATT MET WIH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
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DEVELOPMENT YVES GIRARD AND QUAI OFFICIAL VIDAL. WHILE OUR RELATIONS WITH GIRARD HAVE USUSLLY BEEN VERY GOOD, HE WAS PARTICULARLY CORDIAL ON THIS OCCASION. THE TWO FRNCH OFFICIALS RECEIVED THE THREE POINTS (PARA 4 REFTTEL) WITHOUT DIRECT COMMENT. THE GOF, THEY SAID, WOULD REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES HAD REACHED A DECISION. MATTER WOULD PROBABLY BE REFERRED TO PRIME MINISTER'S LEVEL.

2. SCIATT STRESSED THAT THE THREE POINTS REPRESENTED OFFICIAL USG REACTION (AS OPPOSED TO SEVERAL OF HIS EARLIER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GIRARD) AND THAT WAS WHY HE REQUESTED PRESENCE OF QUAI OFFICIAL. HE COMMENTED THAT THRUST OF US PSITION WAS THAT THE USG WAS READY TO SIT DOWN WITH EUROPEANS TO EXPLORE WHAT EACH SIDE WANTED AND TO DISCUSS US COOPERATION. HOWEVER, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT PROPOSED TALKS INVOLVE REPRESENTATIVES OF CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS. THE MATTER HAD GONE AS FAR AS IT COULD OUTSIDE OF NORMAL DIPOMATIC CHANNELS.

3. THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION OVER PHRASE "USING AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY," WHICH SCIATT POINTED OUT DID NOT MEAN USING EXCLUSIVELY AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY. APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION IF HIS UNDERSTANDING IS INCORRECT.
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